

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. By amendment above, Claims 3-7, 10, 14, and 16-19 are canceled.

Examiner's Action indicates on page 5, that Claims 5, 8, 11, 12, and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of this indication of allowable subject matter, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 5.

Claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of base independent Claim 6 and intervening Claim 7.

Claim 9 has been amended to delete the reference to Claims 6 and 7, which have been canceled.

Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of base independent Claim 1 and intervening depending Claim 3 as it depends from Claim 1 and Claim 10.

Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of base independent Claim 1 and intervening Claim 2.

Claim 15 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of base independent Claim 6 and intervening Claim 7.

In view of the amendments above, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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